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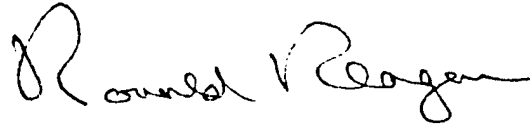
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February 24, 1984

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Sincerely,



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cc: The Director of Central Intelligence

The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater
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ANNUAL REPORT ON MEASURES TO PROTECT
THE IDENTITIES OF COVERT AGENTS

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The ever present threat posed by such hostile entities has been augmented, especially during the past year, by escalating terrorism directed at official establishments, including cover installations. Indications are that individually-targeted terrorist acts will increase at least in some areas, and the need for identity protection will be even more critical. Thus, CIA, FBI, and DOD continue their search to improve methods of concealing and protecting identities. Accomplishments during 1983 included successful initiatives to two additional federal agencies for broadening cover placements. In 1983, cover arrangements were substantially increased in official, non-official, and commercial areas over 1982 levels. As in the past, CIA is not using the Peace Corps for cover. (S/NF)

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